

## **Portland Harbor 2006 Community Involvement Activities**

### **Notes from 12-5-05 meeting**

In December 2005, EPA, DEQ and DHS (the "government team") agreed to focus Portland Harbor community involvement efforts on the following activities in 2006.

#### Visiting Neighborhood Associations

EPA, DEQ and DHS will continue to visit Portland area Neighborhood Associations in 2006 to share information about the Portland Harbor Superfund Site and status of the Remedial Investigation. Neighborhood Association visits will largely occur during the spring and summer, and as other opportunities arise. The Lower Willamette Group (LWG) and Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG) will be invited to attend or participate in government team presentations.

#### Hosting Workshops

The government team will host one or two workshops in mid to late 2006 on sediment remediation and treatment technologies. The workshops will provide information designed for a general public audience on the topics below, in preparation for engaging the community in Feasibility Study planning in 2007 and 2008.

- Sediment remediation alternatives (dredging, capping, monitored natural recovery)
- Types of remediation technologies (e.g., different types of dredging technologies)
- Sediment treatment technologies (e.g., in-situ treatment verses removal and treatment)
- Upland issues (e.g., source control, groundwater treatment, storm water)

EPA will lead the planning and preparation for the workshops with support from DEQ and DHS as needed. The LWG and CAG will be invited to partner in these events.

#### Participating in or Hosting Special Events

The government team will participate in high priority special events related to community and environmental health in 2006. Events will be chosen based on our ability to reach a broad, receptive audience, and the relevance of the event to the Portland Harbor cleanup.

Currently, DEQ plans to host a community tree planting event at the McCormick & Baxter Superfund Site on February 11, with support from DEQ and DHS as needed. In addition, EPA, DEQ and DHS plan to participate in an April 13 Children's Clean Water Festival, which will involve focused presentations to hundreds of school children over the course of the day-long event. We will participate in additional events as resources allow.

#### Developing a Communication Strategy

The government team will develop a brief Communication Strategy that contains key messages for 2006 related to the RI/FS, early actions, source control and public health. The strategy will identify target audiences and describe approaches and timing for message communication. This *internal* document will serve as a guide for all EPA, DEQ and DHS communications with the public, media and interested stakeholders. EPA will lead development of the strategy with support from DEQ and DHS as needed. We will aim to finalize the strategy by mid-February.

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#### Finalizing the Community Involvement Plan

The government team will finalize the Portland Harbor Community Involvement Plan and post it on the EPA, DEQ and DHS web sites for public review. In finalizing the plan, we will make it fairly broad and general so that it serves as a high-level guide for annual community involvement efforts through 2008. DEQ will lead development of the strategy with support from EPA and DHS as needed. We will aim to finalize the plan by mid-March.

#### Publishing Newsletters

The government team will publish two or three newsletters in 2006 as needed to communicate progress or significant milestones in the RI/FS. The first newsletter will be published in early January. EPA will lead publishing of newsletters with support from DEQ and DHS as needed.

#### Supporting the CAG

The government team will continue to attend CAG meetings and support CAG as needed throughout 2006.